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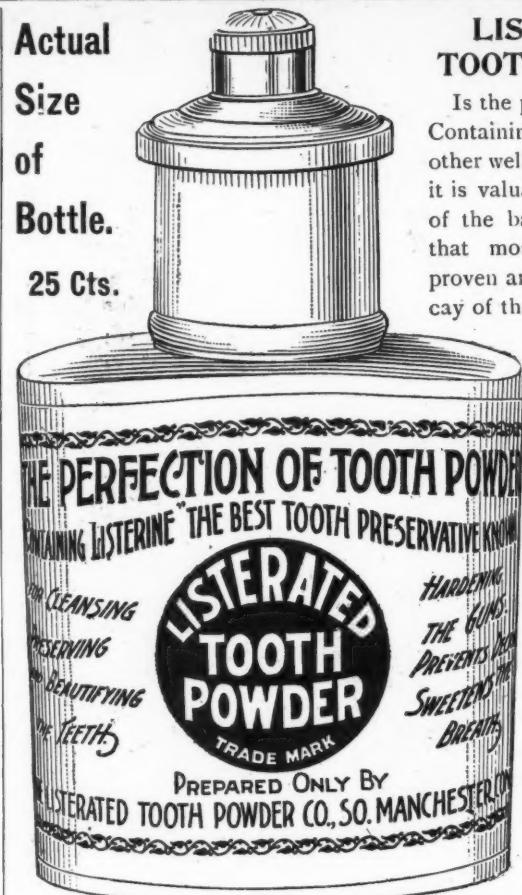
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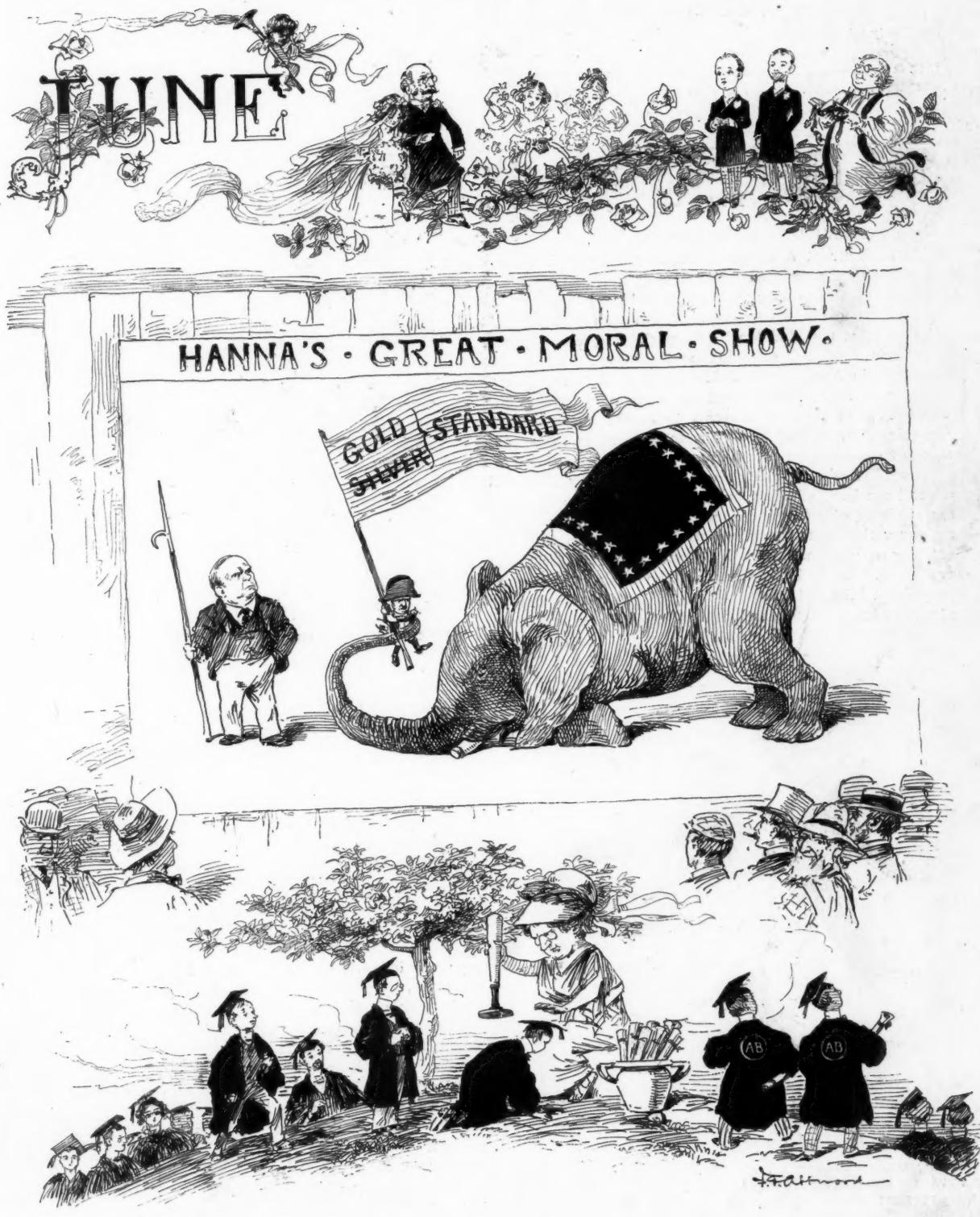
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CRUEL PARENTS AND LOVERS.

THREE recent American novels, by writers of reputation for discernment and literary style, suggest the reflection that something must be radically wrong with the family and home in this republic. A consecutive reading of Miss Wilkins's "Madelon" (Harper), Stephen Crane's "George's Mother" (Arnold), and James Lane Allen's "Summer in Arcady" (Macmillan), will tend to drive sensitive men to monasteries and bright girls to nunneries. The burden of the books seems to be that there is only one thing worse than having a father and mother—and that is to be a father or mother.

Miss Wilkins's pictures of family life in New England never have been alluring, but in "Madelon" she deepens the shadows of disagreeableness to a point that is blacker than ever the bitterest *ante-bellum* Virginian painted them in his most virulent days. The South may consider itself avenged of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by the portrait of her own people that Miss Wilkins persistently paints. She is a most admirable literary artist, and, at this late day, needs no commendation for a style

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THE 7:54 TRAIN.

Fat Visitor: CHARMING SUBURB, MY BOY, CHARMING; BUT I SAY,
DO YOU ALWAYS WALK TO THE STATION?
"OH, NO, INDEED; VERY OFTEN I RUN."



"WHAT'S 'ER MATTER, TOM?"
"I'VE SWOLLERED A TORPEDER, AN' I'M ASKEERT I'M A GOIN' TO BUST!"

THE UNDERGRADUATE AND THE AVERAGE GIRL.



HE MEETS HER AND FINDS SHE

of a very sloppy kind.
We need hardly say that this family does not get along together any better than Miss Wilkins's.

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WHEN you come to Kentucky you naturally expect to see the family life fairly iridescent with affection. It is in the region where one family is accustomed to annihilate, root and branch, any other family that casts the slightest aspersion on its honor. Mr. Allen, however, shows that there is an occasional fly in the amber—even in Kentucky. The father in this case is a particularly cruel, but, as events proved, a shrewd and far-sighted prophet as to the character of the young man who was courting his daughter. The story is written with that poetic dignity that is always the charm of Mr. Allen's style. As for the kind of love-making portrayed—it hardly needs the prelude to justify it. Moreover we doubt whether it can be given a *moral* defence. It is either a good subject for an artistic story, or it is not. The only justification must be the story itself. *Droch.*



IS POSSESSED OF AN

THE THING TO BE CONSIDERED.

"IF Miss Gay devoted as much time to mental culture as she does to dress, she would be a very learned woman."

"Yes, but she wouldn't have the satisfaction of making other women green with envy."

A BOTTLED DELUSION.

THE champagne product of 1895 will not, it is said, rank itself among the prominent good years, for, although champagne is an artificial wine, there is a strongly marked difference between good and poor years, though, unfortunately, in this country, where distinctions as to years are not drawn, the market is supplied by the vintages only of the poor years, for it would be obviously absurd to send to the United States wine that was the vintage of good years, wine which would command an exceptional price in England, France and Germany, when in the United States no higher price could be obtained for it than would be given for wine of the same producer which was a result of what he considered one of his worst vintages.—*Boston Herald*.

And the United States are right.

Not, however, because the American consumer is discriminating, but because, in our humble opinion, the best champagne is a pretentious pusillanimous drink. The eagerness with which the moneyed American pays three dollars a bottle for carbonated turnip juice has always filled us with a moderate melancholy. And if the European



SAVING TIME.

is willing to pay a premium on certain vintages of patent medicine, hair restorers, champagne and similar beverages, why so much the better for the manufacturers.

But we incline to the belief that in the above-named drink every dollar saved is a dollar gained.



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A CORRECT STATEMENT.

MAMA: I don't like dot advertisement you have prepared to announce Rachel's engagement.

PAPA (reading it again): "Suddenly, on der second instant, at her residence, Rachel, der eldest daughter"—und so on. Vot's der matter mit dot?



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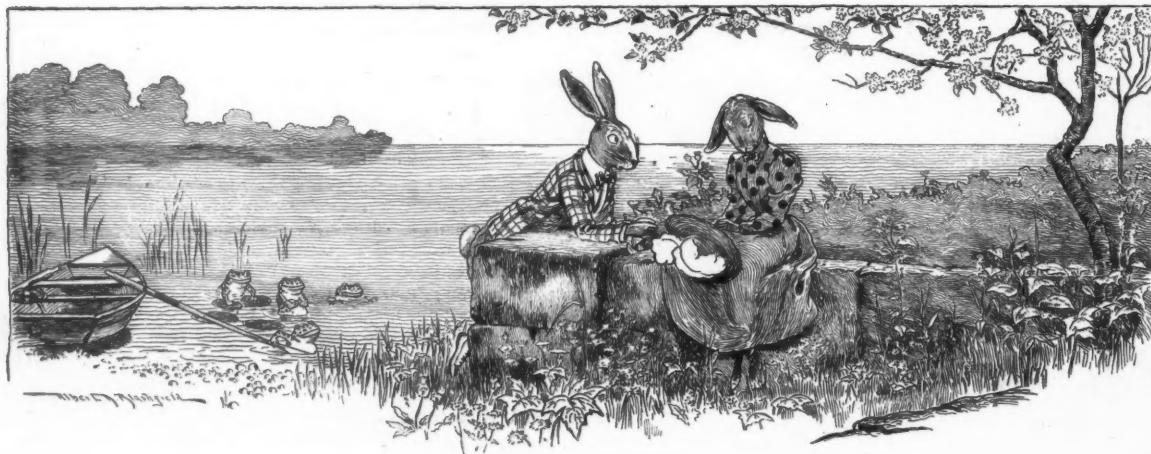
THE CRITIC'S APOLOGY.

"A LITERARY treat"
I styled the "Authors' Reading,"

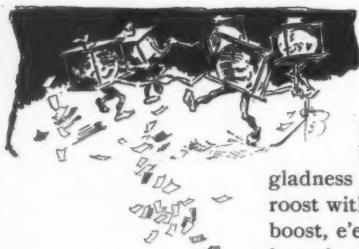
And those that had a seat,
For "reason why" are pleading.
Well, that's a treat, I deem,
To which, on no condition,
Sane men would ever dream
Of charging for admission.

H.C.F.





THE OLD, OLD STORY.



ALL hail the power of William's name, for it is nothing more. Let countless thousands cheer the same with elephantine roar. Come boys and gird your loins up, let Hanna's man be boomed, and let us quaff of Victory's cup with gladness unassumed. What though Lord Marcus rule the roost with others of his kind? let's give the millionaires a boost, e'en though we go it blind. Come, toot the horn and bay the moon while history unrolls; we'll all be wearing diamonds soon and drink from golden bowls. We'll ride in chaises lined with silk with ruby studded wheels, and drink champagne in place of milk: each day have eighteen meals. Oh! when great Mark's behind the throne, when William gets the prize, all blessings then will be our own—unless it's otherwise.

THE corporation of Yale has decided to assign to the Woolsey statue a site that the undergraduates can conscientiously approve. Wise corporation! It is always a mistake to jostle a sentiment when there is room to squeeze by on the other side.



DISCRIMINATING THAN



HE ANTICIPATED.

Ralph T. Barnes
BEARING HIS HONORS WEEKLY.**HIS EXCUSE.**

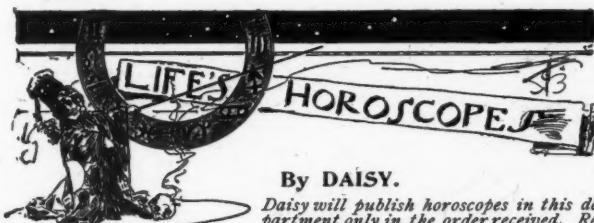
WEARY MOTHER (to troublesome offspring whom she has been trying in vain to coax into saying his evening prayer): Come, Tommy—this is all nonsense. You know that prayer as well as I do, and I want you to say it.

TOMMY (sweetly): Well, Mamma, I was only just trying to tease God a little bit.

MOST of us know a good thing when some one else has it.

A NEW RENDERING.

THEY never loved, who dream that they loved once!"
Ah! Mrs. Browning knew the heart of man—
One love-affair proclaims him but a dunce,
He loves the best that loves the most he can!



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Twinkle, twinkle, little star;
Daisy tells us what we are.

MARK (H-N-A).

THIS gentleman was born under a hypnotized solar system, Mars scorching through space, twenty-one aurora borealis vying with each other for position, Reed birds shedding their pin feathers throughout all space, and the tin dipper filled to the brim with ambrosia imported direct from Canton, O. He is fourteen cubits in stature, has an asbestos brain, with a smile that covers both hemispheres, and can easily hold the earth in the palm of one hand. He is the proud possessor of a say-nothing-but-saw-wood temperament, has the tact of a bunco steerer, wears a brass-bound face and knows how to stack the cards at the right moment. He is very simple in his tastes, preferring the toot of a tin horn to the music of a golden trumpet, and he should sleep in a silver throne at night, surrounded by the glad songs of worshiping multitudes, or he might do better work as a sheep-driver in the Desert of Sahara. He is very loyal, preferring friendship to country, and appears eighteen sizes larger than normal when on the crest of a wave. Will shrink as he grows older, being hull down in 1900. Might succeed as a juggler, the proprietor of a freak show, or an elephant trainer.

ELLEN (T-R-Y).

THIS lady was born under a gilt-edged Libra, in hemstitch with Capricorn, the footlights on Venus working overtime, and the Bloom of Youth three feet deep on the face of the moon. She is fourteen hands high, with open-work features, and a lisle-thread complexion almost as good as new; is visible on a clear night with the naked eye, and looks best in a tailor-made tarpaulin, trimmed with glass beads. She has an engaging disposition, a marble heart, and a glad hand, speaks English like a native, and can also walk and play games. She is very unsettled, never staying long in one place, and has great power over others, hypnotizing them for hours at a time. She should live in America where she can wear diamonds without being noticed, should sit up late every night for the sake of others, and would make a first-class flower girl.

EMILE (Z-L-A).

THIS gentleman was born under Serpens, with Pegasus stuck in the mud, Venus below par, the heavenly twins strangled, Mars in the ascendant, and the scales on Pisces dropping off with a dull, sickening thud. He is knee-high to an elephant, with woven-wire whiskers, a camel's hair complexion, come-on features with a sea-weed brain, and looks well in a hospital. He has a refined, sensitive organism, standing aloof from himself, and his mind is as pure as the driven snow—in Chicago. He is very ambitious, but his dearest hope will not be realized. He should avoid pen and ink, live a retired life, and would do good work as a hermit in an Indian jungle, or might succeed as a sewer contractor or editor of the *New York World*.

ANOTHER AFFRONT.



RE not the homœo-paths making a mistake? That monument to Hahnemann in Washington will be a splendid thing artistically and an honor to the country, but are the builders wise to thus flaunt their prosperity in faces of their hereditary foes, the "Regular" physicians? We have a deep sympathy for the latter. Nothing is more annoying to a good hater than the triumphant progress of those he has once decided to despise and ignore. But the world was ever thus!

Hahnemann was the discoverer of a vital principle that has saved countless lives, but the old school of medicine would undoubtedly have been considerably happier if he had been quietly burned, or at least suppressed.

Such fellows as Archimedes, Columbus, Sir Isaac Newton, Hahnemann, Humboldt, and Ben Franklin are sure to make enemies and to stir up trouble.

While we are ready to admit that the followers of Hahnemann save many lives where the old school fails, we must protest against this wilful injury of the "Regulars" sensibilities.

Imagine the feelings of George the Third if a statue of Washington had been deliberately erected beneath his royal nose!

ITS ORIGIN.

SHE: Where was the game of "poker" first introduced?

HE: In the Ark, when Noah entered with "two of a kind."

DOMESTIC NOTE: Always put new cakes of soap in your guest room. It is a legitimate use of guests to have them rub the sharp corners off of new cakes of French soap.

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T F THE DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, 1894.

A MIDNIGHT TRAGEDY.

O FRAIL and gauzy thing
Circling on airy wing!
While thou dost gaily sing,
Anguish my heart doth wring,
For near the moments bring
Thee and thy awful sting!

Wide thou thy voice dost fling,
Servilely flattering,
Cozening, cozening,
Craftily purposing,
Still nigher fluttering,
While I lie muttering,
Fuming and sputtering,
Anathemas uttering
On thee and thine.

Though thou the blood dost claim
From some ancestral vein
Makes us akin,
Only by stealth it flows,
redder than summer's rose
Thy frame within.

I will have none of thee!
Get thee now gone from me!
No? Then my hand shall spare
Not to descend—so there!!

M. W. K.

ARTFUL FRANK.

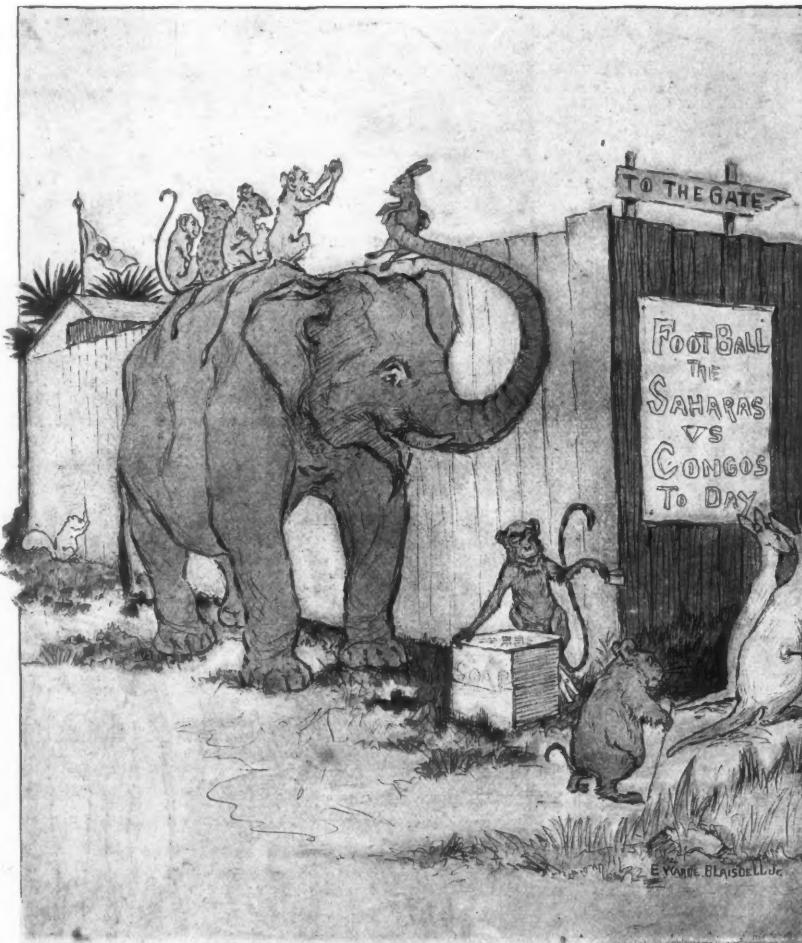
HOJACK: Have you heard that Frank Spinner has become an instructor in a bicycle school?

TOMDIK: That fellow will do anything to get his arms around a girl.

TACT is the knowledge of when it is better not to tell the truth.



"AH! YOU MAY LAUGH, BUT WHEN YOU'VE HAD MY EXPERIENCE YOU WILL KNOW THAT ONE CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL WHEN THE SEASON FOR FIRECRACKERS AND TIN KETTLES ARRIVES."



HOW THE MONKEY AND THE ELEPHANT MADE SOME MONEY OUT OF THE BALL GAME.

THE BICYCLE NOSE.

THE practice of riding bicycles along country roads is adapted to raise the human nose to a position of increased influence and honor. The bicyclist in the country cannot talk very much; he is too busy. Neither can he see very much. The chief use he has for his eyes is to watch the road immediately in front of him. His ears he relies on to keep from being run over from behind. The only organ of sense he has that is at leisure and free from responsibility for his safety is his nose. That is to have fun with. All the smells that come his way he can assimilate without hazard or disturbance, and as the country smells are very varied and for the most part pleasant, the enjoyment his nose affords him is an important part of his fun. When you see a bicyclist who has been riding in the country, ask him what smells he met. He will not have seen very much—no bicyclist does—but if you will remind him of the smells he will remember them. He took them all in, for his nose was at leisure, even when his legs and hands and eyes were busiest.



"DON'T YOU FEEL PROUD IN YOUR NEW TROUSERS, MA? I DID WHEN I FIRST PUT 'EM ON."



"DID Fisher have a good time on his little outing?"

"Yes, indeed. I only saw him for a minute and had no time to ask any questions, but I could see that the skin was peeling off from his nose, his neck was so sore from the sunburns that he could not wear a collar, his hands were blistered so that he could hardly use them, and he complained that he had rowed the boat until his arms were so lame that he couldn't hold a pen. Oh, he must have had a magnificent time!"—*Chicago Post*.

THE terrible whirlwind had done its worst.

Stately monarchs of the forest lay prostrate. Ruin and desolation marked the path of the funnel-shaped monster that had swept with resistless fury over the land, destroying everything that stood in its way.

Here and there were the scattered fragments of many a dwelling that had been the abode of peace, happiness and prosperity.

Desolate, despairing men and women wandered among the ruins. Now and then there was one who bewailed his fate with loud lamentation or bitter curse, but for the most part the victims bore their sorrow in sullen silence, and there were not wanting those who found consolation and even cause for gratitude in the fact that their lives had been spared.

In an upper room of a house that had escaped the storm lay one of the injured.

"How long has she been unconscious?" inquired the physician.

"Ever since she was picked up and brought here," replied one of the watchers.

"There seems to be no bones broken," he rejoined, "but the shock has been severe. We can only hope for

the best. I have witnessed the effects of many a cyclone, but this one—"

The young woman on the couch opened her eyes.

"A cyclone," she muttered feebly, "is a rotary storm of widely extended circuit, its center frequently being many miles from its outer limit or circumference. This was a tornado. It was not a cyclone. This misuse of the term is, however, almost universal, except among educated persons."

"From Boston?" said the doctor in a low tone. And the watchers silently nodded.—*Chicago Tribune*.

WHEN the Vanderbilts obtained control of the Union Pacific railway, William H. made a trip in a special car over the branch line known as the Denver and South Park, which runs from the capital city to Leadville. This is the road of which O. H. Rothacker once wrote: "The Denver and South Park is a narrow gauge road except where the track is spread to a broad gauge."

While the Vanderbilt car carried a chef and a well-stocked larder, the magnate, soon after entering the South Park country, felt a longing for a glass of fresh milk, and when the train pulled into Como he sent his servant into the depot hotel to get the desired article. The servant returned accompanied by the hotel proprietor, Charley Benedict. The latter carried a glass of milk, refusing to allow any one but himself the honor of serving such a distinguished patron.

Vanderbilt quaffed the milk, pronounced it excellent and handed Benedict a \$5 goldpiece. The hotel man said "Thanks" and started to make his exit.

"I say," called the railway king, "don't I get any change?"

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"No, sir."

"How's that?"

"Well, you don't get any. That's how."

"Milk is pretty high out here, isn't it?"

"Yep."

"Do you charge everybody \$5 for a glass of milk?"

"No; some only pay 5 cents."

"Why do you charge me more than others?"

"Because we fellows out here only get a chance once in a lifetime," and Benedict bowed himself of the car.—*Chicago Times-Herald*.

"MODERN society," observed the young man, contemplatively, "has revised most of the old-time proverbs."

"Yes," observed the chaperon, to whom he had just handed an ice, "for instance, nowadays we say 'When the husband comes in at the door the lover flies out of the window.'"—*Exchange*.

WHEELER: I see by the papers that a Chicago bicyclist was held up by two men.

SPROCKET (feeling if the courtplaster was in place on his face): I wish to gracious it had been.—*Yankee Statesman*.

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"Then the meeting of prominent citizens adjourned.

—Harper's Monthly

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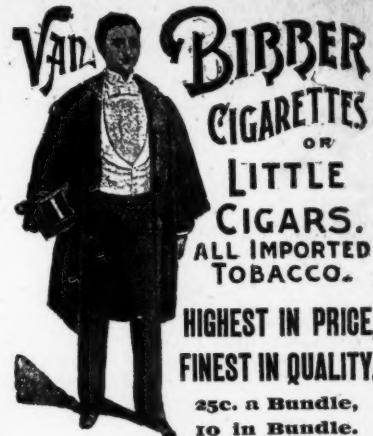


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YEARS ago, when the "Philosophers," as the guides called them, camped in the Adirondacks, one member of the party occasioned a good deal of criticism. He devoted himself to reading and "worthless writin'," thus, in the opinion of the guides, wasting time which might have been better spent in hunting and fishing. He was Ralph Waldo Emerson.

There was one guide who recognized in Emerson something of his real worth, and upon whom the poet made a great impression.

"Steve," as he was familiarly called, was an observing man, and the poet's physical defects, then undoubtedly more prominent than in later years, did not escape his eye, as may be seen from the answer he gave to the question of the writer of this paragraph:

"What kind of a fellow was Emerson?"

"Wal, sir," said the old guide, "he was a gentleman every inch—as nice a fellow as you ever see; pleasant and kind—and a scholar, too, allus figgerin', studyin' and writin'; but, sir, he was I believe, the all-firedest homeliest critter for his age that ever came into these woods."—*Troy Times*.

"WELL, girls, Jack and I are to be married at last, and we are so happy!"

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And his errors not the fewest,

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But it didn't matter whether

It was old; the poem went.

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Every imperfection screening,
From the work all blemish cleaning,

Saved the verses from the flame.

This expression so redeeming,
With poetic fancy teeming,
Very soul of music seeming,

Was the famous poet's name.

—*Harvard Lampoon*.

A CONVIVIAL trio were sitting around a table in an up-town cafe on one of the recent hot nights, drinking soothing beverages in a futile endeavor to keep cool, when a fourth man joined the party.

"You have met Colonel Wright of Texas, have you not?" was asked the newcomer.

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"You did nobly! You must have had a terrible time making those men agree to simple manslaughter."

"Vell, I should say so—dey vas all for acquittal!"—*Tit-Bits*.

THE subject of the conversation had taken several routes, and finally the topic of insurance was reached by the guests, the hostess and host at the dinner-table.

"Papa has his life insured," spoke up the little girl, the pet of the household.

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PAT: It's a quare loife those haermits lade, so it is. What do ye t'ink of it, Judy? Do ye t'ink ye'd inj' y' solichude?

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"But whatever is the matter, Mary?" inquired her mistress. "What has your master said or done to annoy you?"

"He hasn't said nuthin'," replied Mary, as she flourished a cheque in her mistress's face, "but he's on'y given me this for a month's slavery. Not me; I ain't no ortygo collector, I ain't."—*Tit-Bits*.

"SAY," said the man with the correct clothes and bowed back and horny hands of a farmer to the restaurant waiter, "have you got pig jowl and greens here? An' buttermilk? An' corn-bread? An' kin I shovel the truck in with a knife and take my coat off?"

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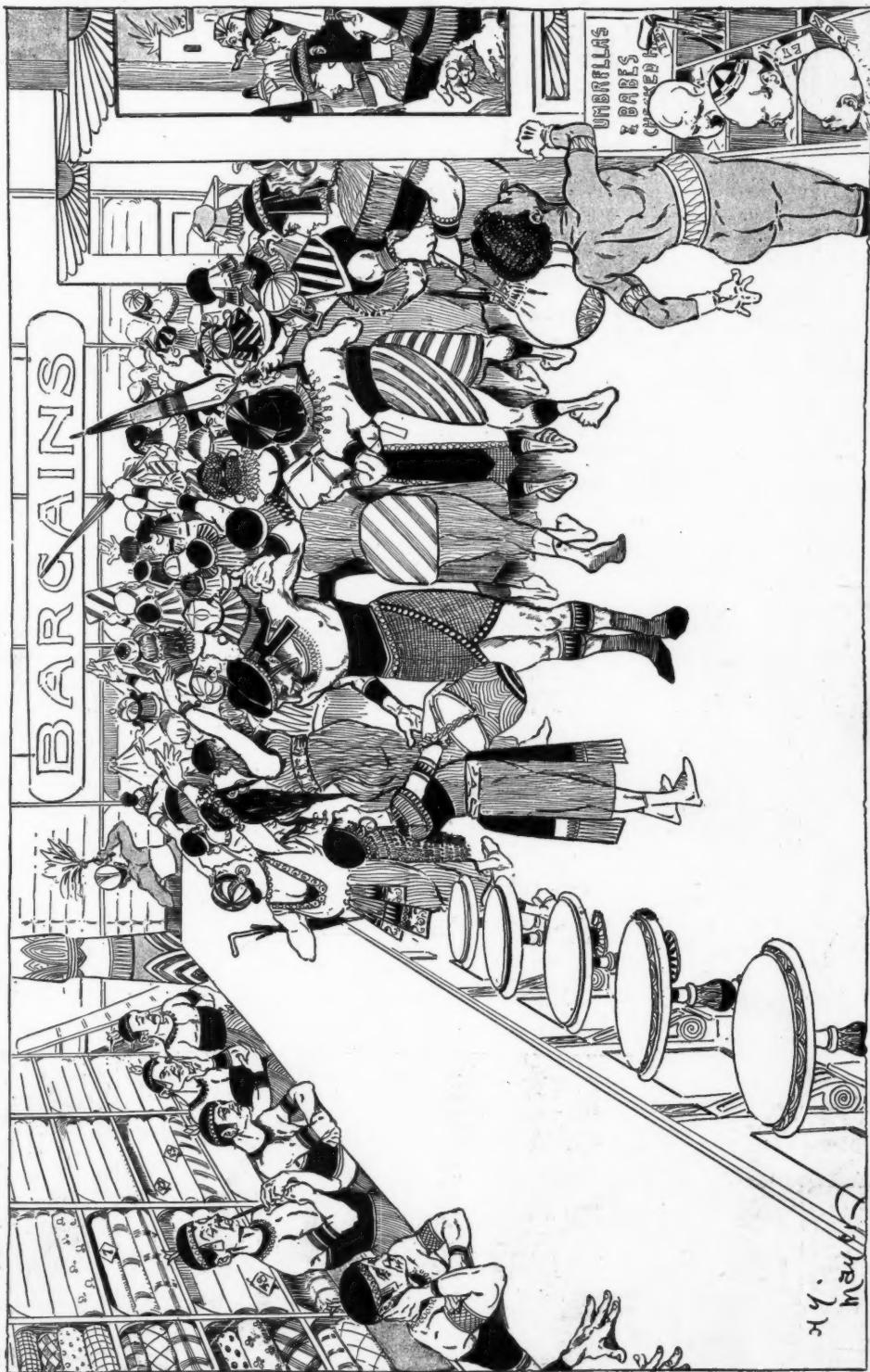


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